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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of **McWethy**

Application No. 10/098,729

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For: RETRACTABLE NEEDLE MEDICAL
DEVICE FOR INJECTING FLUID
FROM A PRE-FILLED CARTRIDGE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 11, line 24 replace "80" with -180 - .

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 10 and 13.

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Please add claims 20-32.

1. (Presently Amended) A medical device, comprising:
 - a hollow barrel having an open rearward end;
 - a cartridge containing a quantity of fluid;
 - an inner housing slidably displaceable within the barrel, and having an opening for receiving the cartridge;
 - a needle having a sharpened tip in fluid communication with the cartridge;
 - an axially displaceable plunger operable to expel fluid from the cartridge;
 - a connector for connecting the plunger to the inner housing;
 - a first lock releasably retaining the needle in a projecting position in which the sharpened tip of the needle is exposed for use;
 - a second lock releasably retaining the needle in a retracted position in which the sharpened tip of the needle is shielded against inadvertent contact;
 - a biasing element biasing the needle rearwardly; and
 - an actuator manually operable to release the first lock for rearward retraction

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